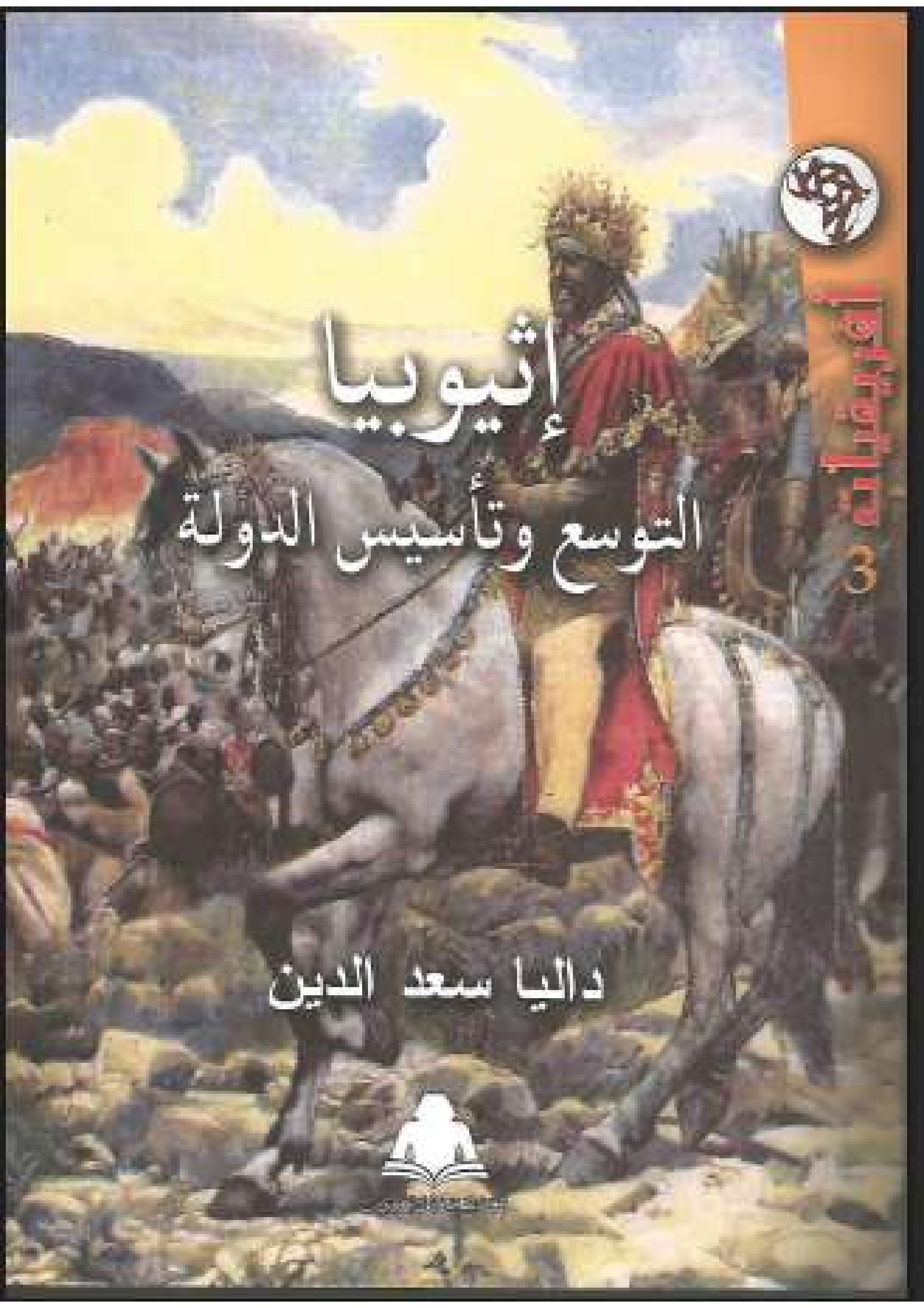
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Summary

Emperor Menelik II skillfully united Ethiopia and transformed it into one of the few African empires resisting colonialism. He achieved a decisive victory at the Battle of Adwa in 1896, forcing Italy to recognize Ethiopia's sovereignty. As a result, Ethiopia remained the only African nation to successfully resist European colonization during the Scramble for Africa, greatly enhancing its prestige and independence in the eyes of the world.

Menelik II also exploited the rivalries among European powers to Ethiopia's advantage through shrewd diplomacy and treaties. For example, in 1897, Britain ceded large tracts of Somali territory to Ethiopia in exchange for Menelik's neutrality in regional conflicts. Earlier, Menelik had signed an 1889 treaty granting Italy control over Eritrea in return for modern rifles and money. Using these imported arms (from France and Russia) and strategic agreements, he expanded Ethiopia's borders and compelled European powers to negotiate and recognize Ethiopia's international boundaries.

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